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REMARKS

Claims 8-11, 13-17, and 19-22 remain in the application, and are presented for examination and reconsideration. Claims 1-7, 12, and 18 have been cancelled. Claims 14, 20, 21 and 22 have been amended hereby, and support for all amendments to the claims is found in the specification as filed, as is set forth in connection with the response to the Claim Rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as set forth herein.

REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-7

The Examiner's rejections of claims 1-7 are moot since Applicant has hereby cancelled claims 1-7.

CLAIMS REJECTIONS UNDER 35 USC 112

The Examiner has rejected claims 14, 20, 21, and 22, under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. More particularly, the Examiner has questioned the intended secondary silicone components disclosed in claims 14, 20, 21, and 22. Furthermore, the Examiner has suggested the correct manner of expressing the intended secondary silicone components. Accordingly, Applicant has hereby amended claims 14, 20, 21, and 22 in the manner set forth by the Examiner.

Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claims 14, 20, 21, and 22, as being indefinite, under 35 USC 112, second paragraph.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Examiner's allowance of claims 8-11, 13, 15-17, and 19.

Further, the Examiner has indicated that claims 14, 21, and 22, would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, and written to include all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 14, 21, and 22,

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have been hereby amended to include all of the Examiner's suggestions and thereby overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Moreover, claims 14, 21, and 22, include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Applicant has complied with all of the requirements, and assumes that claims 14, 21, and 22 are allowable.

CLAIM 20

Claim 20 has not been indicated as allowable by the Examiner: However, claim 20 is similar to claims 21 and 22, and Applicant has hereby amended claim 20 in the same manner as was done for claims 21 and 22. For this reason, Applicant believes that claim 20 is likewise allowable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicant believes the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw all of the rejections and objections. Applicant submits that claims 8-11, 13-17, and 19-22, are patentable, and respectfully requests the Examiner to pass the application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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